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Hoosiers by
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IDHS Unveils Indiana Strategy for Homeland Security

Indianapolis - Today the Indiana Department of Homeland Security unveiled a new comprehensive strategic plan for homeland security initiatives in Indiana.

The *Indiana Strategy for Homeland Security* outlines a number of plans and activities that will help the state improve its overall preparedness for manmade or natural disasters. It has been approved by the Indiana Counter-Terrorism and Security Council (CTASC), which is a multi-agency body headed by Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman.

"This plan shows Hoosiers we are committed to ensuring their safety and security. It allows us to build on the progress that has already been made and gives the focus needed to move forward with new initiatives," said Lt. Governor Skillman. "Hoosiers should feel confident that we are strategically focused on improving our overall readiness and are committed to doing all we can to protect the lives and property of our fellow citizens."

"The development of this plan is an important step towards achieving our vision of becoming a nationally recognized leader for an effective, comprehensive homeland security system," said IDHS Executive Director J. Eric Dietz. "The execution of the plan will help ensure that Indiana is as prepared as possible for any future event that we may be confronted with."

The plans features eight strategic goals and outlines initiatives that will help Indiana achieve them. These goals focus on:

Teamwork - Enhance coordination between homeland security partners and integrate all disciplines.

Planning and Risk Analysis - Develop requirements-based and capabilities-based, statewide, comprehensive plans to address natural and manmade hazards.

Protect - Reduce the risk to

issues. The public and media play very large roles in the response to a disaster. Educating them on our predicted actions, and actions they can take to protect themselves, are keys to efficient and productive disaster responses.

Training and Exercise - Establish world-class training and exercise facilities, curriculum and networks. Indiana has tremendous development capacity for a training and exercise system that will not only enable pre-eminence in our state, but enhance the capabilities of first responders across the country.

Response - Promote and optimize coordination of disaster responses. Indiana's comprehensive preparations will allow our first responders to respond to disasters within our borders, and assist other states when disasters occur outside our borders.

Medical - Establish an effective disaster medical capability. Indiana's abundance of resources in the health and emergency medical systems ideally position it for key roles in disaster responses.

Economic Security - Promote economic security through partnerships and the development of homeland security innovations. As evidenced by the disasters in the Gulf Coast region caused by hurricanes in 2005, the supply chain for response
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Above: Director Dietz, joined by IDHS Division of Planning Director Cliff Wojtalewicz and Strategic Planning Branch Chief Diane Mack, addresses the media at the unveiling of the Indiana Strategy for Homeland Security in Indianapolis.

Indiana's critical infrastructure. Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource (CI/KR) sites are those deemed most crucial in terms of public health and safety, governance, economic and national security, and public confidence consequences.

Outreach and Engagement - Engage and educate the public and media on homeland security

Group Works to Advance Homeland Security in Indiana's Higher Education Institutions

*Emergency Management/
Homeland Security
Higher Education
Conference 2006*

*April 7-8
Lebanon Quality Inn*

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*Above: David Tate from
Purdue University currently
chairs the Emergency Man-
agement/Homeland Security
Higher Education Advisory
Board.*

A few years ago, IDHS staff initiated the creation of a board to develop collaborative relationships between higher education, government, and the private sector. The aim of the Emergency Management/ Homeland Security Higher Education Advisory Board, the first of its kind in the country, is to enhance emergency management and homeland security education and professionalism in Indiana's institutions of higher education to ensure a professional response to a crisis within our state.

The board currently has two main goals. First, the board is working to team up Indiana's institutions of higher education in the development of curricula and coursework in emergency management and homeland security. Second, the board wants to assess and share resources among Indiana's institutions of higher education to advance the education of those seeking careers in emergency management and homeland security.

According to David Tate, Director of Clinical and Forensic Sciences at Purdue University and the board's chair, the work of the board may not only benefit Hoosiers through better educated emergency managers and first responders but may also address the "brain drain" in Indiana. "Careers in emergency management and homeland security-related fields are a burgeoning area. We believe our work may ensure Hoosiers interested in a career path in these areas can stay in Indiana to receive their education and will then stay in Indiana to work."

Tate also noted the board's unique approach of engaging current public safety personnel in its work. "We are acutely aware of the need for well-trained emergency personnel," said Tate. "Thanks to leadership from IDHS, the board has been able to reach out not only to academia but also those in emergency management, law enforcement, fire services, public health, and the private

sector to ensure a truly collaborative effort to determine our educational needs and resources to meet our mission."

In an effort to further the board's work, in conjunction with IDHS, they will hold their annual Emergency Management/ Homeland Security Higher Education Conference in Lebanon on April 7 and 8. The conference brings together individuals involved in emergency management and homeland security college programs and organizations who hire graduates of such programs, in addition to individuals who have a stake in campus or site security, such as large corporation safety directors. Speakers representing government, higher education, and the private sector from around the country will present on topics such as campus/site security, IDHS training/education efforts, Indiana's Learning Management System, program funding sources, cooperative learning and distance education, and demand for graduates and staff.

NIMS Corner...

**US DHS and IDHS offer
NIMS related courses
free of charge!**

[Visit the following webpages for
additional information on NIMS:](#)

General Information:

www.fema.gov/nims

Course Information:

[www.fema.gov/nims/
nims_training.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/nims/nims_training.shtm)

Free On-Line Self Study:

[www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/
crslist.asp](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp)

IDHS NIMS Courses:

www.in.gov/dhs/training

(Click on IDHS Consolidated Training Calendar then on NIMS under categories on right hand side of calendar main page.)

Note: IDHS currently offers ICS-100, ICS-200 and IS-700 and intends to offer IS-300 and IS-400 in 2006.

Or call the IDHS Training Division at 317-233-1090.

In February 2003, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Decision Directive Number Five (HSPD-5) establishing NIMS. The system establishes a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state and local governments to work efficiently together to prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of size or complexity.

To provide for interoperability and compatibility among federal, state, and local capabilities, NIMS includes a core set of concepts, principles, and terminology. HSPD-5 identifies these as the Incident Command System; multi-agency coordinating systems; training; identification and management of resources (including systems for classifying types of resources); and the

collection, tracking, and reporting of incident information and incident resources.

NIMS Implementation:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (U.S. DHS) issued a directive stating all local level agencies and personnel with response roles take the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Course IS 700 *NIMS, An Introduction* by September 30, 2006.

Additionally, by September 30, 2006, the U.S. DHS advises all local-level agencies and departments complete the following actions to fully integrate NIMS into their overall response systems:

- Formally adopt NIMS by the local government executive

through an executive order, proclamation, resolution, or and update the current emergency management ordinance.

- Complete a NIMS Baseline Assessment.
- Complete the required IS 700 - National Incident Management Systems (NIMS), An Introduction course by the appropriate personnel.
- Work and function under NIMS.

IS-700 course is just one of the baseline requirements. Next month NIMS Corner will address the requirements in detail, including what personnel needs what level of training.



February EMA Spotlight...

TIPPECANOE COUNTY

MARK KIRBY is the Director of the Tippecanoe County Emergency Management Agency. Mark joined the Tippecanoe County EMA in 2005 after 23 years of service in the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department. While with the department, he served as a Captain in the Communications Division and Vehicle Crash Reconstruction Program and his responsibilities included maintaining the countywide computer network and radio systems, including the 9-1-1 system. Within the first month of accepting his current position, Mark contended with record flooding in Tippecanoe County. His peers recently recognized his commitment to emergency in management services by

electing him Chair of Indiana Homeland Security District 4's All-Hazards Mitigation Committee.

Tippecanoe County EMA Progress:

- Utilized Homeland Security Grant Program funds to:
- Acquiring a state-of-the-art mobile operations vehicle, available for district-wide or statewide response, that includes six operator positions, a conference room, satellite link, and interoperable radio equipment. The vehicle is available for district or statewide response, if needed.
- Replacing older vehicles and

equipment with a fleet of new pull vehicles and trailers for emergency response.

- Maintaining a regional hazmat response team that includes three functional equipment trailers, a decontamination shower trailer, and an air compressor trailer.
- Opening lines of communication between all the emergency response agencies within Tippecanoe County to foster cooperative efforts.
- Working closely with other counties in Indiana HSD 4 to establish an organizational system to incorporate all



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disciplines involved in emergency response.

WABASH COUNTY

BOB BROWN is the Director of the Wabash County Homeland Security (Wabash County Emergency Management Agency). Bob joined the Wabash County EMA in 1994 as the Communications Officer and became Assistant Director in 1998. He is a veteran of the United States Navy where he garnered experience dealing with chemical, nuclear and biological issues. After leaving the Navy, Brown worked as Federal Aviation Agency Air Traffic Controller and Wabash County Reserve Deputy Sheriff/911 Dispatcher. Bob is a part-time EMA director and

additionally works in retail and commercial vehicle sales.

Wabash County EMA Progress:

- Utilized Homeland Security Grant Program funds to:
- Enhance communications interoperability with 800 MHz radios and mobile data systems to county and city law enforcement.
- Commission a decontamination unit.
- Train 16 volunteers, in addition to city and county firefighters, in decontamination and hazardous materials operations.

- Maintains a roster of 46 volunteer members with experience in areas of disaster planning, communications, hazardous materials, GIS and computer technology.

- Developed a Security and Traffic Control Unit to assist law enforcement and fire departments at events that may require additional security measures such as countywide festivals or school sporting events.

- Coordinates the activities of 40 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members.



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Mitigation in Focus: National Flood Insurance Program

Following a flood, a community often contends with flood damaged, vacated, dilapidated and unusable homes or buildings. Many of these structures are no longer viable assets to the community thereby creating secondary problems - decreased property values and available tax base.

A community can lessen the blow from a flood by participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Federal regulations require individuals or businesses purchasing property with a federally insured mortgage in a mapped flood zone to obtain flood insurance. Policies may cover most flood related damage to a structure and its contents. A Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest loan or immediate repair grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may cover additional costs associated with flood

damage.

Additionally, in some situations, proceeds from NFIP policies may enable a community to purchase flood damaged homes through FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. Communities accessing this program must then convert the areas into green space in perpetuity to avoid future flood related damage to the area.

Only properties located in participating NFIP communities are eligible for the flood insurance policies, in addition to FEMA home repair grants or SBA loans for flood damage repair. To participate in NFIP, a community must enact and enforce an ordinance regulating the use of land in a flood plain.

Many communities and unincorporated areas throughout Indiana do not participate in

NFIP and some communities no longer have flood insurance available to residents due to lack of floodplain regulation enforcement. In NFIP participating communities, a large percentage of eligible properties are not insured and many homebuyers are not aware of their ability to access flood insurance.

Homeowners remain eligible for temporary housing through a FEMA program if their home is unlivable following a flood. However, non-participation or lack of participation in NFIP, in addition to misinformation, negatively affects Indiana.

IDHS wants to ensure assistance is available to victims of a natural disaster. Increasing the number of NFIP participating communities helps insure victims of floods have access to an important program in their time of need.



For more information on NFIP, contact Phil Brown, IDHS Division of Emergency Response Recovery and Mitigation Director, at 317-232-3832 or pbrown@dhs.in.gov.

IDHS Deploys Building Inspectors to Assist in Hurricane Katrina Recovery Process

In early November 2005, IDHS received an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request from Jackson County Mississippi for building inspectors. Don Bradley, Branch Director of Code Enforcement and Plan Review in IDHS' Division of Fire and Building Safety, quickly initiated plans to deploy building code inspectors to the area. Unfortunately, the destructive weather that struck Indiana in November required the assistance of the inspectors at home, delaying their deployment to Mississippi.

By January, several IDHS building code inspectors started the new year by assisting areas still recovering from



Top: (L-R) IDHS staff Don Bradley, Jim Hawkins, Kevin Troy and Bob Miller assisted with building inspections in Jackson County, MS. Above: A home devastated by Hurricane Katrina in Jackson County, MS.

Hurricane Katrina. Bradley, Jim Hawkins, Bob Miller and Kevin Troy with IDHS' Division of Fire and Building Safety, Code Enforcement and Plan Review Branch departed for Jackson County Mississippi on January 2 to assist local building inspectors.

The EMAC request stated Jackson County needed qualified building inspectors to assist the Jackson County Building and Planning Department with assessments of structures damaged during the hurricane. These assessments are a requirement before issuing permits to repair or rebuild storm-damaged structures.

Over two weeks, the IDHS

staff members completed approximately 145 residential damage assessments and 85 commercial damage assessments throughout Jackson County. The team noted mostly ocean storm surge damage near the coast while areas further away sustained flooding from nearby rivers and bays, in addition to wind or tornado damage.

"The scope of the devastation was really inconceivable until you view it in person," said Bradley. "This area was so severely damaged that it will take years for life to return to normal but we hope we were able to make a significant contribution to the area's recovery process."

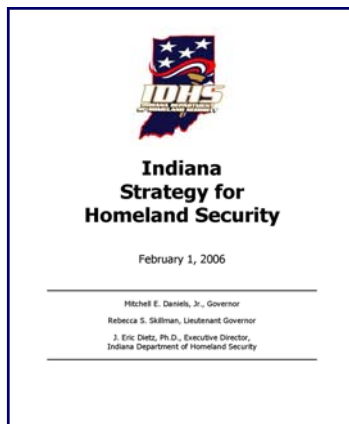
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and recovery operations is crucial. Prevention of supply chain disruptions will be a key component of recovery planning.

"A key theme of this plan is teamwork," said Dietz. "As we witnessed with the response to the deadly tornados in Southwest Indiana last November, an effective response requires the coordinated efforts of multiple agencies at the local, state, and federal levels. Achieving the goal of teamwork will subsequently help us achieve the other goals included in this plan."

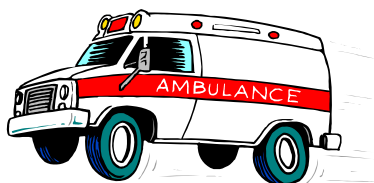
Source: IDHS Media Release

For more information or questions on the Indiana Strategy for Homeland Security, contact Diane Mack, IDHS Division of Planning Strategic Planning Branch Chief at dmack@dhs.in.gov.



To view the Indiana Strategy for Homeland Security, visit www.in.gov/dhs/strategic_plan.pdf.

Come Take a Ride with Medicare!



Jump aboard! Join the AdminiStar Federal Medicare Part B External Affairs/Provider Education Department as we offer "Take a Ride with Medicare!" AdminiStar Federal has teamed with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to set up these sessions.

The cost of this course is **FREE** and designed specifically for ambulance providers and ambulance billing services. Although, there is no charge for the seminar, you must register online since seating may be limited at selected sites.

Topics covered during the course include:

- Appeals (Changes in 2006)
- Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT)

- Condition Codes
- Consolidated Billing Updates
- Fee Schedule in 2006
- Question and Answer Session
- And much more!

IDHS/AdminiStar Federal Medicare Ambulance Billing Seminars

Date	City	Location	Time	IDHS Contact
2/27/06	Madison	King's Daughters Hospital	1:00PM (EST)	Troy Morgan
3/1/06	Bedford	Dunn Memorial Hospital	1:00 PM (EST)	Troy Morgan
3/2/06	Terre Haute	Union Hospital	1:00 PM (EST)	Becky Blagrove
3/7/06	Fort Wayne	Three River Ambulance Authority	1:00 PM (EST)	Bernie White
3/9/06	Indianapolis	ISP Post #52	9:00 AM (EST)	Robin Stump
3/13/06	Dale	Spencer County EMS Office	6:30 PM (CST)	Becky Blagrove
3/16/06	Lafayette	Catherine Wile Ctr. Home Hospital	1:00 PM (EST)	Tom Nowacki
3/20/06	Laporte	Porter Memorial Hospital/Stoner Auditorium	1:00 PM (EST)	Tom Nowacki

IDHS Launches New On-Line Training Calendar

IDHS' Division of Training recently revised and updated its training calendar. The new web-based calendar is now available on-line at www.in.gov/dhs/training. The calendar lists all of the division's training opportunities and allows users to filter training courses by specific disciplines.

Anyone interested in adding a fire or EMS course to the calendar must first register the class through the IDHS Certification Section. IDHS automatically enters registered courses on the calendar, so register your course early!

Some non-registered courses *may* appear on the calendar at the discretion of the IDHS Division of Training Director. Please direct these requests to Denise Clarke, IDHS Division of Training, via e-mail at denclark@dhs.in.gov. (Note: Generally, only not-for-profit training opportunities will appear on the calendar unless they meet the state course registration requirements.)

Please forward IDHS' on-line calendar information to your fellow instructors and responders to share current training opportunities offered throughout Indiana.

IDHS Training Calendar:
www.in.gov/dhs/training

For registration information, contact the IDHS Fire and Building Safety Division's Emergency Services Branch at ems@dhs.in.gov.

Mark Your Calendar!



February 24

EMS Commission Meeting
(Indianapolis)

February 25-26

Basic Air Scent Techniques
(Mari Hulman George Search & Rescue
Training Center)
Fire Chief Orientation
(Vincennes)

March 1

Boiler & Pressure Vessel Rules Board
(Indianapolis)

March 4-5

Fire Chief Orientation
(Highland)

March 7

Fire & Building Safety Commission
Meeting
(Indianapolis)
Indiana Emergency Response Commis-
sion Meeting
(Indianapolis)

March 9-12

NIMS -ICS for Fire Service

March 11-12

Fire Chief Orientation
(Greensburg)

March 18-19

Fire Chief Orientation
(Warsaw)

March 21

Fire & Building Inspector Orientation
(Indianapolis)

March 23

Pandemic Flu Summit
(West Lafayette)

March 25-26

Fire Chief Orientation
(Brownsburg)

March 28

Haz-Mat Awareness Course
(Shelbyville)

April 1-2

Haz-Mat Operations Course
(Waterloo)

April 4

Fire & Building Safety Commission
(Indianapolis)
Haz-Mat Operations Course
(Shelbyville)

April 5

Annual CSEPP Exercise

April 7-8

Homeland Security Higher Education
Conference
(Lebanon)

April 19

Regulated Amusement Device Safety
Board Meeting
(Indianapolis)

April 22-23

Ground Search Techniques-Technician
Level
(Mari Hulman George Search & Rescue
Training Center)

April 29

Basic Tracking/Trailing
(Mari Hulman George Search & Rescue
Training Center)

May 3

Fire & Building Safety Commission
Meeting
(Indianapolis)

May 19

EMS Commission Meeting
(Indianapolis)



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